(d) if so, what are the details of the orders with our shipyards and the capacity utilisation during the last five years; and

(e) the number of orders being given for the manufacture of deep sea fishing trawlers to the shipyards for the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, Government propose to build up a fleet of 350-500 deep sea fishing vessels in the near future for bottom and mid-water trawling, purse-seining, squid jigging, long lining and pole and line fishing etc. through import as well as indigenous construction.

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by Ministry of Transport. 20 Indian Shipyards are registered for building 95 deep sea fishing vessels per annum. The cases for indigenous construction of 108 fishing vessels have been cleared by the Inter-Ministerial Screening Committee since the start of effective functioning of the scheme in 1983-84.

(e) No target has been fixed in this regard. However, during the first year of the Seventh Five Year Plan effective orders, with first stage payment, have been placed for 42 numbers of fishing trawlers.

Escape of a number of inmates from the Delhi Administration's Observation Home for Boys

1516. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA :
SHRI J. P. GOYAL :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the escape of a number of inmates of Delhi Administration's Observation Home for Boys recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the working of the Observation Home, if so, what is the result thereof stating the measures contemplated by Government to improve its working ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 8 children in the age-group of 8 to 16 years escaped from the Observation Home for Boys, Delhi Gate, Delhi, on the night of 14-4-86 by twisting the iron bars of the main dormitory window and scaling the boundary wall.

(c) An enquiry was held into the circumstances of these escapes, to fix responsibility and to suggest preventive measures. The Report of the enquiry has been received and is under examination of Delhi Administration.

Steps are under way to strengthen the security to provide adequate staffing and to improve the working conditions of the Homes.

Cultivation of Keshri Dal

1517. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA :
SHRI J.P. GOYAL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that consumption of Keshri dal which causes incurable and creeping paralysis of the legs though its cultivation has been prohibited, continues to be cultivated and distributed in a number of States in the country and that is being marked in the urban centres of Southern States; and